WRITTEN ANSWER TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Norms for Overseas Air Services

2112. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently finalised the norms for airlines flying abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have sought some inputs from each airlines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the existing guidelines, Indian scheduled carriers having experience of continuous operations of 5 years in the domestic sector and having a minimum fleet size of 20 aircraft are permitted to operate on international routes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Surat Airport

2113. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Surat airport was already handed over to Airports Authority of India for further development and operations and an MoU for it was signed and accordingly it was to be started within two years;

(b) whether it will start within this scheduled period and if not, the reasons therefor and by when it will be started;

(c) whether Air Deccan started its flights from 6th November, 2004 but it had to stop abruptly; and

(d) whether Government would accelerate its development works so that the airport may start functioning soon keeping in view the vast development of surat?